

657—3.1(155A) Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Board*” means the Iowa board of pharmacy.

“*Cashier*” means a person whose duties within the pharmacy are limited to accessing finished, packaged prescription orders and processing payments for and delivering such orders to the patient or the patient’s representative.

“*Certified pharmacy technician*” or “*certified technician*” means an individual who holds a valid current national certification and who has registered with the board as a certified pharmacy technician. The term includes an individual registered with the board who voluntarily acquired certification as provided in subrule 3.5(2).

“*Delivery*” means the transport and conveyance of a finished, securely packaged prescription order to the patient or the patient’s caregiver.

“*Nationally accredited program*” means a program and examination for the certification of pharmacy technicians that is accredited by the NCCA.

“*NCCA*” means the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

“*Nuclear pharmacy technician*” means a person who is employed in Iowa by a licensed nuclear pharmacy under the responsibility of an Iowa-licensed qualified nuclear pharmacist to assist in the technical functions of the practice of pharmacy pursuant to 657—Chapter 16.

“*Pharmacy technician*” or “*technician*” means a person who is employed in Iowa by a licensed pharmacy under the responsibility of an Iowa-licensed pharmacist to assist in the technical functions of the practice of pharmacy, as provided in rules 3.22(155A) through 3.24(155A).

“*Pharmacy technician certification*” or “*national certification*” means a certificate issued by a national pharmacy technician certification authority accredited by the NCCA attesting that the technician has successfully completed the requirements of the certification program. The term includes evidence of renewal of the national certification. “National certification,” as that term relates to a nuclear pharmacy technician working exclusively in an Iowa-licensed nuclear pharmacy, shall be as defined in rule 657—16.2(155A).

“*Pharmacy technician trainee*” or “*technician trainee*” means an individual who is in training to become a pharmacy technician and who is in the process of acquiring national certification as a pharmacy technician as provided in rule 3.5(155A).

“*Pharmacy technician training*” or “*technician training*” means education or experience acquired for the purpose of qualifying for and preparing for national certification.

“*Supervising pharmacist*” means an Iowa-licensed pharmacist who is on duty in an Iowa-licensed pharmacy and who is responsible for the actions of a pharmacy technician or other supportive personnel.

“*Supportive personnel*” means a person, other than a licensed pharmacist, a registered pharmacist-intern, or a registered pharmacy technician, who may perform nontechnical duties assigned by the pharmacist under the pharmacist’s supervision, including delivery, billing, cashier, and clerical functions.